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## **Salisbury Fire Department Responds to Structural Fire – Lyerly Funeral Home**

Salisbury\_NC\_April 13 – The Salisbury Fire Department responded to a structural fire at Lyerly Funeral Home, 515 S. Main Street, at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Upon arrival, crews found smoke rapidly emitting from the back of the building at which point they entered the building and advanced hose lines into the basement and side entrance of the premises and began an active fire attack. Crews continued an active fire attack in the interior parts of the structure for approximately fifteen minutes. As fire conditions worsened, crews turned to a defensive mode of operation which will continue for the duration of the fire.

All occupants of the building had self-evacuated by the time units had arrived on the scene. As a precautionary measure, occupants of the neighboring apartment complex were evacuated.

No injuries to occupants or emergency services personnel have been reported.

Additional assistance provided on the scene by the Salisbury Police Department, Rowan County Rescue Squad, Rowan County EMS, Spencer, Union, Cleveland, Landis, South Salisbury, Faith, Rockwell and Granite Quarry Fire Departments. Additional County units and off duty fire personnel were called in to provide continued fire protection to the citizens of Salisbury.

Salisbury Fire Chief Bob Parnell stated, “We are deeply saddened for the loss experienced by the Lyerly family today and will keep all involved in our thoughts and prayers.”

The cause of the fire is still under investigation by Salisbury Fire and Police Departments. No additional details are available at the present time. Further details regarding the cause of the fire will be released by City of Salisbury Public Information Officer, Elaney Hasselmann as they become available. Media inquiries may be directed to (704) 762-1008.

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